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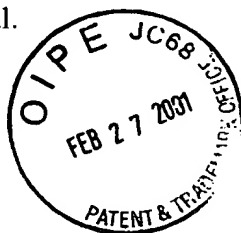
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ALDERSON et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/499,468

Filed: February 7, 2000

For: Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor-2



Group Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: Sorbello, E.

Atty. Docket No.: PF112U1

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE TO COMPLY, AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication and Notice to Comply ("Notice") dated August 31, 2000, Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal; (b) Petition for Extension of Time for five (5) months to and including February 28, 2001; (c) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f); (d) a Transmittal and Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.824 and 1.52(e)(3)(ii); (e) Three copies of Sequence Listing on compact disc (CD-Rs) to satisfy paper copy and computer-readable format requirements; (f) a Request for Draftsperson Approval of Drawing Change, with amended Figure 2A marked in red ink, and substitute Figure 2A; and (g) a copy of the Notice to Comply. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 12, immediately before "**Background of the Invention**", please insert the following paragraph:

--This application refers to a "Sequence Listing" which is provided in triplicate on

AI three identical CD-R discs, each of which contain one file designated: "PF112U1.txt"